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NETWORK DESIGN

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Previously there have been two phases
in the design of a network

- **Department** Design
- **Interconnect** Design

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Department

Previously departments

- Funded their networks
- Designed their Networks
- Installed their networks
- Managed their networks

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Each Department developed a network that suited their needs.

These networks were developed to serve the immediate need with no consideration for

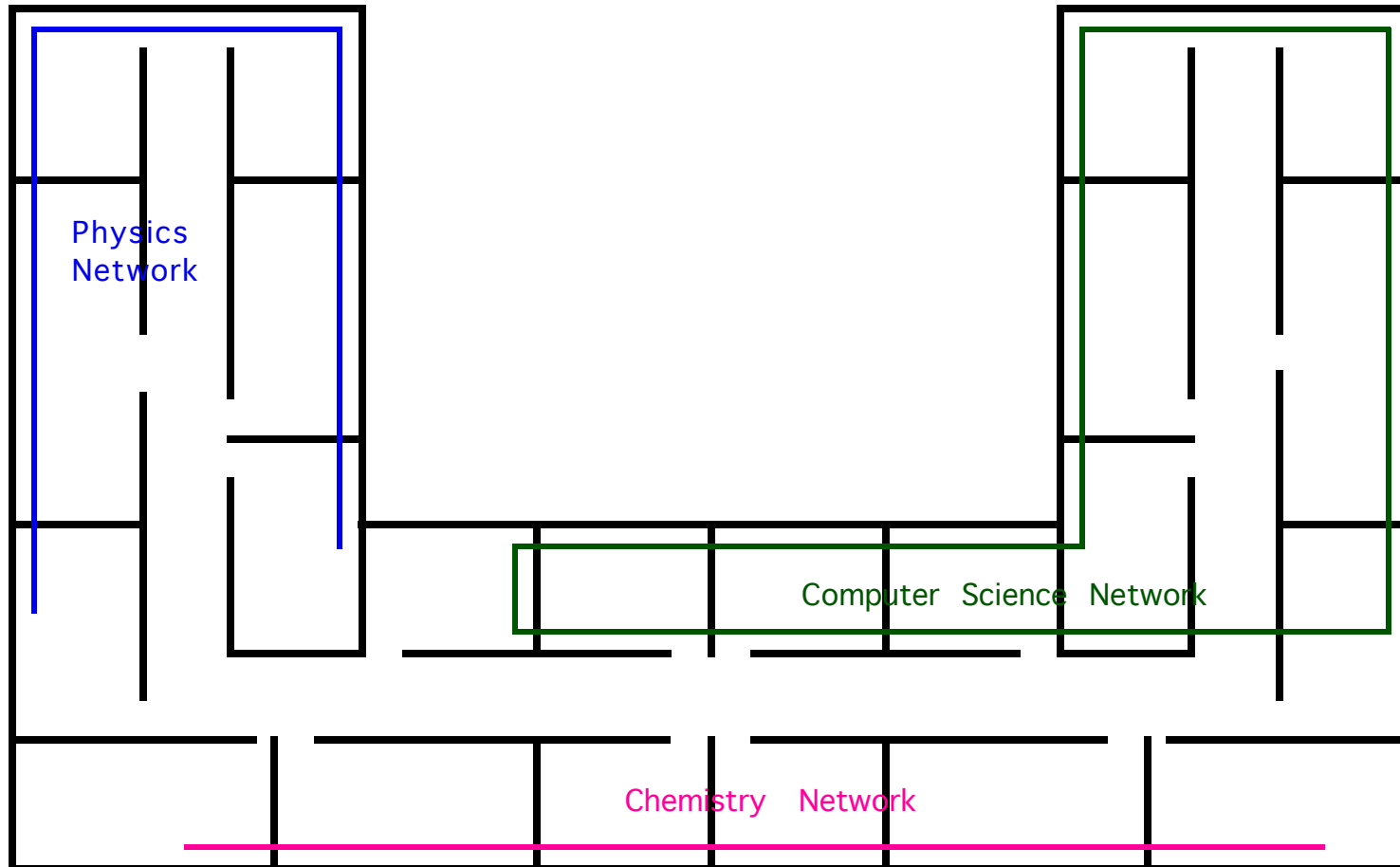
- Expansion needs
- Interconnection with others
- Standardization
- Compatibility with Future Standards

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These networks were of two Types

- **IBM Token Ring**
- **10Mbps Ethernet**

**These were of various types
and supported various protocols
TCP/IP, DECnet, IPX, AppleTalk**

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Interconnect

Once several departmental networks had been installed the next step was to interconnect them.

Because there was no standardization this was difficult.

In most cases full interoperability was not possible.

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Interconnect

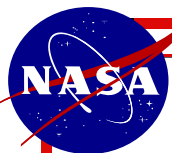


The result was a network

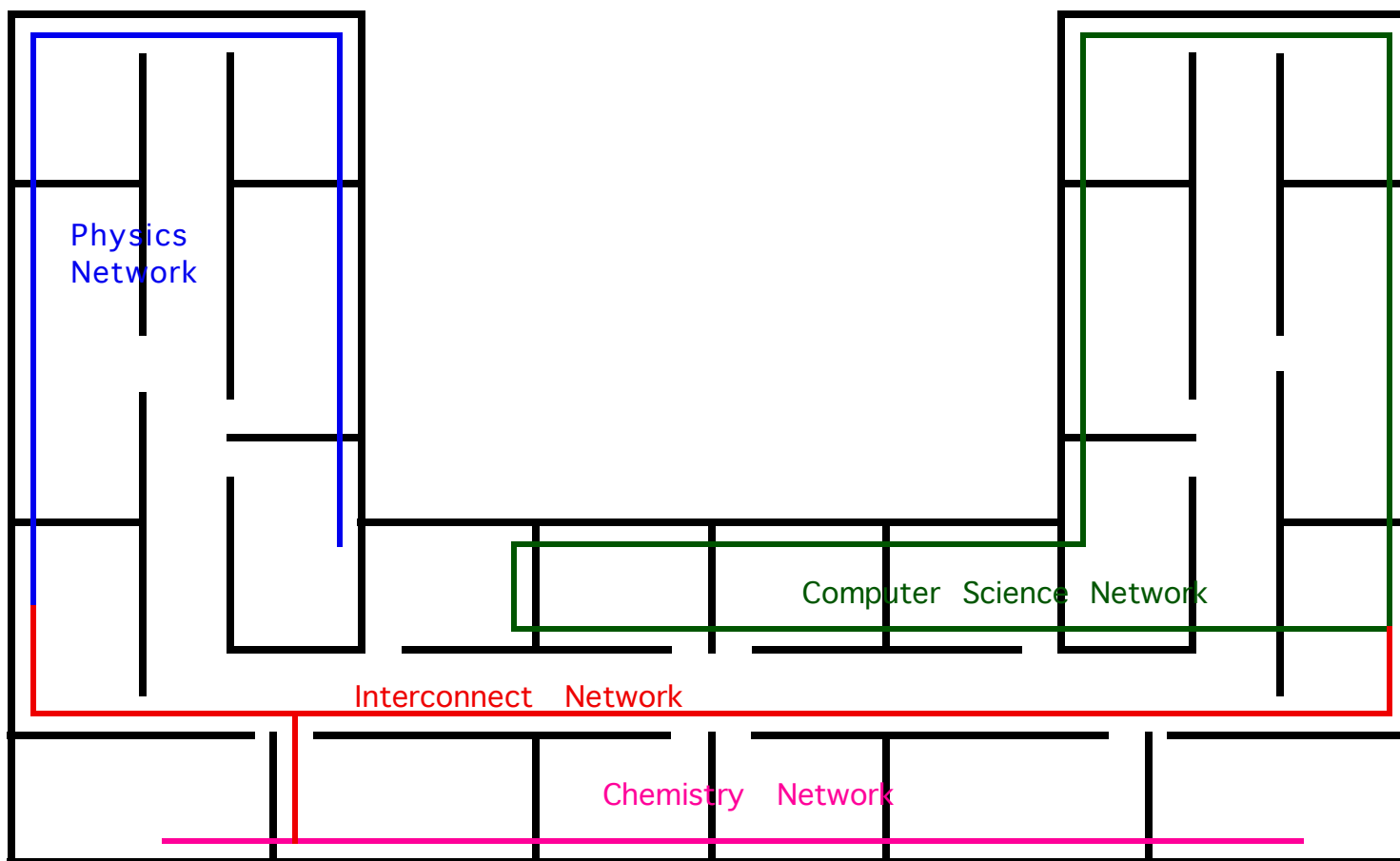
- With multiple standards
- Composed of semi compatible sub nets
- Without full functionality
- Based on older technologies

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Interconnect



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Network Consists of

CABLE PLANT

NETWORK EQUIPMENT

WORKSTATIONS AND PRINTERS

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CABLE PLANT

The cable plant is the network cabling and associated patch panels and connectors.

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CABLE PLANT



Cable Plant is the most:

- **expensive single part of your network**
- **failure prone part of your network**
- **likely place for reducing cost**

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A good cable plant alone will not
make a good network.

HOWEVER,

the easiest way to make a bad network
is with a poor cable plant

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**The few dollars saved by cheap
Cable, Connectors and Shoddy Installation
Will cost many times more in
Maintenance and Down Time.**

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PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

design your cable plant with
tomorrows network in mind

“INSTALL CABLE ONCE”

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Todays network is based on
10 megabit per second technology.
With a little care in the design and
Minimal Additional Cost
we can support tomorrows ☐
100 megabit per second technology.

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This can be achieved by installing
a CAT-5 Certified cabling System.

CAT-5 COMPLIANT

is NOT

CAT-5 CERTIFIED

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**Cat-5 is a EIA/TIA proposed addition
for the EIA/TIA 568 standard**

It is a standard for 100 MHz

**Unshielded Twisted Pair Cable
and connectors**

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All associated hardware must also be CAT-5

- **Connectors**
- **Patch Panels**
- **Wall Jacks**

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Obviously it will take more than quality components to make a superior network.

A Structured cabling system is required to take advantage of today's requirements and provide service to emerging technologies.

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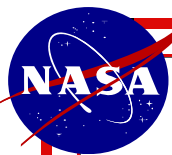
In a structured cabling system each device is wired to a central point using a star topology.

This facilitates system interconnection and allows for simple expansion and reconfiguration.

The simplicity of a generic cable structure is innately superior to many separate and different cable systems.

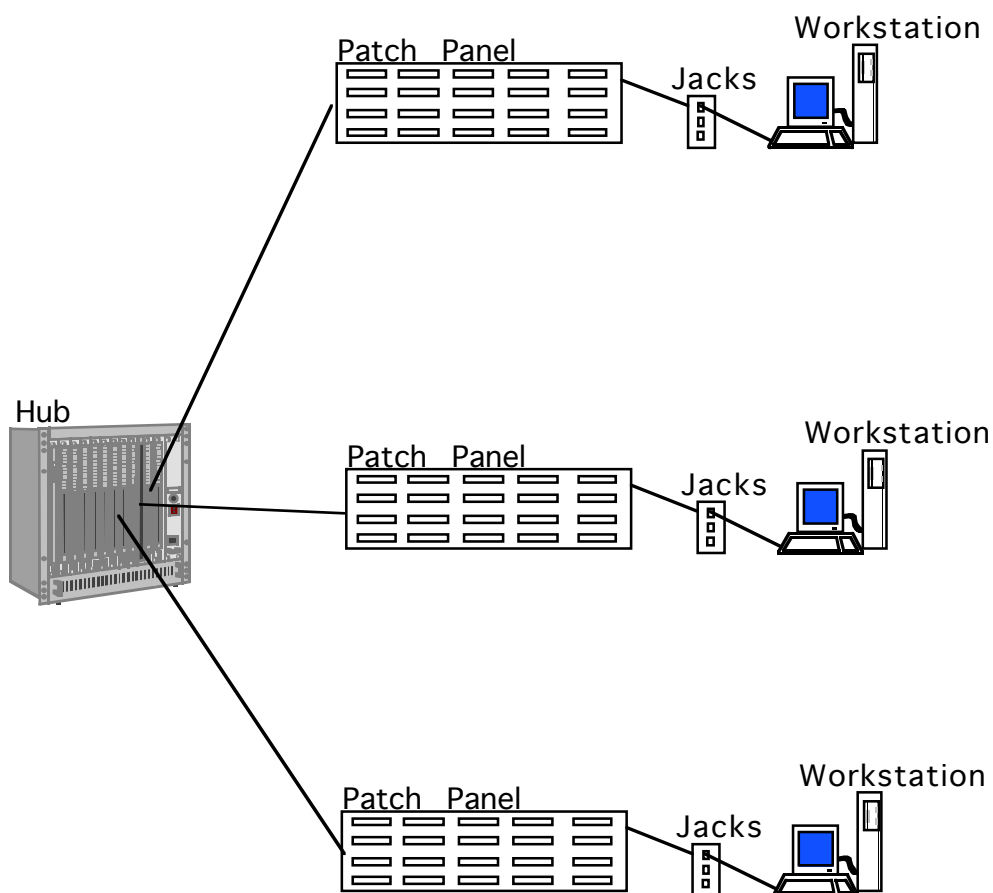
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Star Topology Diagram



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A Cat-5 star configuration offers these advantages

- **Network Scalability**
- **Standardization**
- **Services**
- **Network Management and Reliability**

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Network Scalability

- Performance as required
- Design Flexibility
- Protocol and application independent ☐



Standardization

- Compliant with industry standards
- Identical Physical Network Interfaces
- Standardized Network Equipment
- Interoperability



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Services

- Installation
- Troubleshooting
- Maintenance

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Network Management and Reliability

- Fault Management
- Performance Management
- Configuration Management
- Security Management

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General Strategies ☐

- Always use wall mounted outlet boxes
- Use duct for all cable runs
- Mark all cables at both ends
- Have spare cable drops
- Neatness Counts

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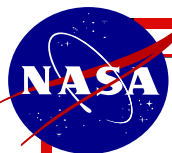
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For cable runs too long for cat-5 such as between floors and buildings use fiber optic cables.

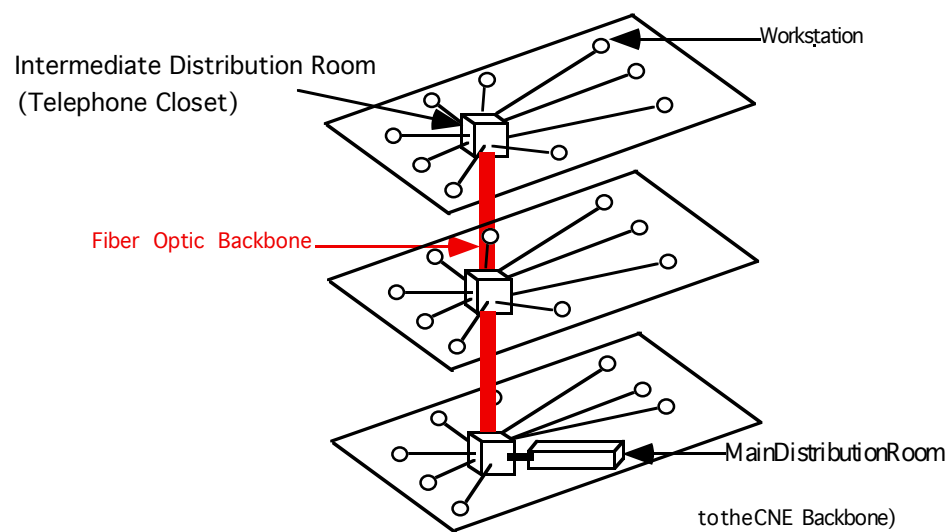
Fiber Optic cable will support any transmission rate that Cat-5 will handle.

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Careful construction of your
Cable Plant will support any

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And

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that you have presently and into the
next generation of networks

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